

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating allowable subject matter of claims 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 23, 26 and 26.

According to the Office Action, claims 6-9, 10, 14-17, and 22-26 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response, claim element TXOP is defined in claim 1, while claims 9, 10, 17, 25 and 26 are canceled thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

Still further according to the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6, 11, 14, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sherman (US 2003/0161340) in view of Lin et al (US 2008/0049761).

Still further according to the Office Action, claims 4, 5, 12, 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sherman in view of Lin et al and further in view of Ho (US 2003/0081547).

Still further according to the Office Action, claims 8, 16 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sherman in view of Lin et al and further in view of Kowalski (US 2003/0063563) and Sugar (US 2007/0263657).

Still further according to the Office Action, claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sherman in view of Lin et al and further in view of Esteves et al (US 2007/0263655).

Still further according to the Office Action, claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sherman in view of Lin et al and further in view of Esteves et al and Ho.

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows:

Claims 6 and 7 are canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of those claims is incorporated into independent claim 1, thereby making claim 1 and dependent claims 2-5 and 8 allowable.

Claims 14 and 15 are canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of those claims is incorporated into independent claim 11, thereby making claim 11 and dependent claims 12, 13 and 16 allowable.

Claim 18 is amended to contain allowable subject matter, thereby making claim 18 and dependent claim 19 allowable.

Claims 22 and 23 are canceled without prejudice. The allowable subject matter of those claims is incorporated into independent claim 20, thereby making claim 20 and dependent claims 21 and 24 allowable.

Claims 9, 10, 17, 25 and 26 are canceled without prejudice.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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